

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are pending in this application.

To further clarify the invention, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitation "the intercalator or" before "the energy-absorbing substance" in the last part of the claim. Support for this language can be found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 3-9, at page 6, lines 13-29, and at page 8, lines 11-29.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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